

Mayor's address at the launching of Solar installation campaign,
Leboeng Police Station, 28 September 2011.

Programme Director

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Magoshi

Setshaba ka moka

Today is the important date in the history of Leboeng village. It is for the first time where the Municipality is launching a project to give people access to alternative energy whilst still waiting for Eskom to roll out full electrification programme.

The Council has noted the concerns that people of this area raised in relation to electricity. We all know that electricity plays an important part in the lives of our communities and as such there is a need for every household to be electrified. Technology has improved tremendously over the past ten years and has led to the huge demand for electrification.

We are one of the Municipalities in Limpopo which is still experiencing huge backlog in terms of electricity provisioning. That is why we have decided as Council to provide alternative source of energy in the form of the installation of Solar Panels. The project is going to be rolled to villages which do not have electricity at the moment.

We call upon the people who are going to receive this service to take care of the solar panels. The Solar panels are going to bring relief to those who were not having electricity before. This is just a temporary solution while still waiting Eskom to electrify the remaining villages as per the priority list.

Our partners who will be installing the Solar panels are going to be responsible for the maintenance of the system and we hope that each household receiving the service will be orientated on how to use and operate the system. We want the community to own the project and give us feedback on the effectiveness and any challenges if they be experienced.

The programme is launched here today but will be escalated to other wards which are without electricity. We are still in continuous negotiations with Eskom to speed up the completion of Power stations that will fastrack the electrification of the remaining villages. Our appeal to the communities is for you to work with us and exercise patience. Our quest is to see all communities of Greater Tubatse receiving and enjoying basic services like electricity, water, roads and proper housing.

We are here to work for you and we are prepared to listen to every concern that you are bringing to us. Our doors are always opened and working together we can do more.

Kea keboga.